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Agglomerates With Use of Sodium Silicate

Containing Binder

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Entry of the subject amendments prior to the initial examination of the present application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.